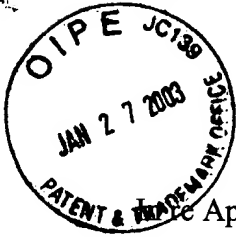


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended to January 27, 2003, by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 30 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the remaining claims to read as follows. All claims currently pending in the application, including those not amended, are reproduced below. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.